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MEMORANDUM FOR:

In reference to your information memorandum concerning the review of COINS, both Carl and I agree that it would be useful to have a CIA individual identified as responsible for working with Al Hall's staff on whatever inter-agency COINS review is undertaken.

It seems clear, however, that this is not sufficient to pull together a substantive and thoughtful institutional involvement of the CIA in the review process. I believe that if an individual is to be appointed as being responsible for this area, he must also be given a mandate to pull together a group of people within the Agency who can help him draw up a concept paper and advise him, and through him the Director, on what involvement CIA should have with any COINS system. In addition, as I have said before, I believe that he should be instructed to involve outside consultants in his review activities.

Carl and I think that [redacted] would be a good selection for the individual appointed to be responsible for this.

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